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**Supplemental  
Notice of Allowability**

**Application No.**

10/051,492

**Examiner**

Vy Q. Bui

**Applicant(s)**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment 2/16/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30, 50-52, 58 and 59.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 8/4/2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
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    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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**Attachment(s)**

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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |



**DETAILED ACTION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below to correct mistyped number 4 (instead of the correct number 5) in claim 1 as presented in the previous Examiner's amendment.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 31-49, 53-57 and 60-63 have been canceled.

**CLAIM 1 (Patent claim 1):**

- **Line 5:** change "associated with a distal region of the guidewire" to -- **carried by the guidewire at the distal region of the guidewire, such that the filter element is advanced through the lumen of the vessel by advancing the guidewire and retracted through the lumen of the vessel by retracting the guidewire --.**

3. The amendments filed May 12, 2005 (before "Notice of Allowability") and filed 8/16/2005 (after "Notice of Allowability") have been entered.

***Conclusion***

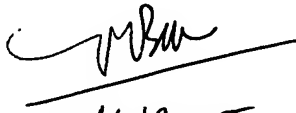
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vy Q. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4692. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday.



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